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## AMENDMENT / RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the non-final Office Action mailed January 24, 2006, having a shortened statutory period for reply of three (3) months set to expire April 24, 2006, subject to extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a). A petition for a three (3) month extension of time to increase the period for reply from April 24, 2006, to July 24, 2006, is enclosed herewith to permit timely filing of this response.

The examiner states in the Office Action Summary that claims numbered 1-23 are pending in the application, and claims numbered 1-23 are rejected.

The specification is amended herein. Claims numbered 2 and 12 are cancelled herein. Claims numbered 1, 3, 13 and 20-23 are amended herein. Following entry if this amendment, claims numbered 1, 3-11, and 13-23 are pending in the present application.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.121, Applicant submits a complete listing of all of the claims for this pending application, which will replace any previous version.